

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached three (3) "Replacement Sheets" of drawings include changes to Figures 2, 4, and 9. The attached "Replacement Sheets," which include Figures 2a, 2b, 4, and 9, replace the original sheets including Figures 2, 4, and 9.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The Applicant has amended the first paragraph of the specification to include a claim for priority. The Applicant submits that the priority claim complies with 37 CFR 1.78(a) and acknowledges the Examiner's declaration that no surcharge is applicable under 37 CFR 1.17(t).

The Applicant has enclosed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, along with the appropriate fee, to supplement the IDS submitted on May 31, 2005 and a Form 1449 incorporating the results of the International Search Report. The Applicant submits that the enclosed documents comply with 37 CFR 1.98.

Claims 12-31 are now pending in the application. Minor amendments have been made to the specification and to claims 12-22 to simply overcome the Examiner's objections. Additional minor amendments have been made to claims 12-22 to overcome the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments to claims 12-22 contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not narrowing amendments. Claims 23-31 have been added and are supported by the specification and drawings as originally filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to because of certain informalities. The Applicant has attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval. In the "Replacement Sheets", Figures 2, 4, and 9 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. In addition, the specification has been amended to be consistent with the drawings. No new matter is added. The Applicant believes that these amendments to the drawings and specification render the instant objections moot. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections in view of the amendments contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

The specification is objected to because of certain informalities. The Applicant has amended the specification to overcome the Examiner's objections. No new matter is added. The Applicant believes that these amendments render the instant objections moot. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections in view of the amendments contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 12 is objected to because of certain informalities. The Applicant has amended claim 12 according to the Examiner's recommendation. The Applicant believes that this amendment renders the instant objection moot. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection in view of the amendment contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 12-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the Examiner's rejection. No new matter is added. The Applicant believes that the claim amendments render the instant rejection moot. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has submitted that claims 12-22 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action. Applicant has amended claims 12-22 to overcome the Examiner's rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12-22 are allowable. Applicants further submit that new claims 23-31 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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